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LOUISVILLE COAST GUARD PREPARES FOR FLOOD RESPONSE

LOUISVILLE – In preparation for possible high water and flooding in and around the Ohio River Valley, the U. S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Louisville's Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) will hold exercises with Coast Guard Group Ohio Valley this morning at 10:00 a.m. at Cox's Park. DARTs provide flood response for the Western Rivers and other regions throughout the country as directed by the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District. Major flooding can cause extensive damage to the infrastructure of impacted areas, further disrupting the lives and working conditions of those in the surrounding communities. DARTs from Louisville have been employed in the past for major flooding and hurricanes in areas such as Mobile, Alabama, Brownsville, Texas and various locations along the Western Rivers. The DART's mission today will be to ensure they are in an optimum state of operational readiness for deployment at a moment's notice, both in and outside of the Ohio River Valley.

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